

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE J.
WILLIAMSON

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 24, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express gratitude to Lawrence J. Williamson of Sterling, Colorado, who is proudly serving his country as a member of the Navy's "silent service," the submarine force, aboard the USS *Honolulu* (SSN 718). Lawrence and 129 other members of the elite force, were deployed in July to the western Pacific Ocean to conduct missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Williamson, is the son of James and Jean Williamson and son-in-law of William and Jan Wilson, all of Sterling. He is the electronic technician aboard the *Honolulu*, a Los Angeles-class attack submarine homeported in Pearl Harbor. Lawrence establishes and maintains communications with the rest of the Navy.

Lawrence and his crewmates aboard the submarine provide a constant, yet covert, presence throughout the world with the capability of projecting force from their weapons delivery systems.

Lawrence attributes his farming and oil field background to providing him the foundations that allow him to meet the stringent qualifications of a submarine crewmember. The 45-year old Williamson faces many challenges and dangers as a member of the silent service, but through it all, he always stands to protect his family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to express its gratitude and pay tribute to Lawrence J. Williamson for the service he is proudly providing his country.

RECOGNITION FROM THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REVEREND WILLIE F. WILSON, PASTOR, UNION TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House to join me in recognizing the 30th anniversary of Rev. Willie F. Wilson, Pastor of Union Temple Baptist Church, a leading minister of an eminent church he has built in the Nation's capital through deep and dedicated service. Under the leadership of Reverend Wilson, Union Temple Baptist Church has become not only a spiritual leader in our city, but also a unique force for services to the Anacostia community.

Rev. Wilson and his wife, the Rev. Mary L. Wilson, Assistant Pastor of Union Temple, have interpreted their religious calling to bring

hope and pride to the people and the neighborhoods of Anacostia and especially to African Americans in the city and the Nation. Rev. Wilson has led where other ministers have not dared, including his prison ministry and his work to care for and conquer discrimination against people with AIDS. Rev. Wilson has built Union Temple in the tradition of the disciples of Jesus Christ who carried his ministry where it was most needed.

For a life of special service to his church, his community and his city, I ask the House to join me in recognizing the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Rev. Willie F. Wilson.

IN HONOR OF PETER SLUYS

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 24, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, Peter Sluys was a fine journalist and long-time friend and interned in my Washington, DC office in 1974, while a student at Hamilton College. He went on to earn his degree from Pace Law School and an LLM Degree from NYU. I was impressed by Peter's grasp of important issues, as well as his diligence and willingness to take on tough tasks.

As a youngster, Peter attained the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. He was also listed in the first edition of Who's Who in American Journalism in 1998 and earned the Meritorious Service Award from the Town of Orangetown. Peter further demonstrated his commitment to community service by becoming an active volunteer firefighter with the Pearl River Fire Department. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus.

During his tenure as Editor-in-Chief of Community Media Newspapers, publisher of "Our Town" and most recently as Editor of the "Rockland County Times" and the "Rockland County Courier," I always found Peter to be a fair, if sometimes a hard hitting journalist, who always did his best to inform the public of the important issues that affected their lives.

Georgia and I extend our condolences to his family. Peter Sluys will be sorely missed by everyone who respected his devotion to journalism and his dedication to community.

TRIBUTE TO BILL ERICKSON

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OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Erickson of Galeton, Colorado. The 4-H program is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and Mr. Erickson has been a leader in 4-H for more than 50 years.

A dairy farmer and native of Weld County, Mr. Erickson has been involved in the Galeton

4-H Club for 10 years as a child and then as an assistant leader. Recently, he was honored as a 50-year leader during the Weld County 4-H Recognition Night.

After attending Colorado A&M—now Colorado State University, Mr. Erickson married his wife Clara and went on to serve our country in the United States Air Force. After being discharged in 1952, he returned home and continued to serve the Galeton 4-H Club. Throughout the years, Mr. Erickson has continually sought to develop young leaders, invest in the students of Weld County, and help generations of 4-H participants succeed.

A citizen of Colorado, Bill Erickson is truly a great American. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Mr. Erickson for his commitment to the Weld County 4-H program.

PROFESSOR SMOOT RECEIVES
ENERGY AWARD

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 24, 2002

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, as the nation struggles with the need for energy and a desire to preserve the environment, we should take special notice of those who make these competing desires easier to harmonize. One such is Leon Smoot, professor of engineering at Brigham Young University.

Dr. Smoot has just been recognized by the United States Department of Energy for a lifetime of research into fuel combustion, and ways to make that combustion more efficient. As my colleagues know, cleaner combustion means more energy per unit of fuel, and cleaner air for us all to breathe.

Dr. Smoot is more than a talented researcher. He is a devoted father, a wildly popular and effective teacher, a civic activist, a religious leader, and an author. Those of us who are younger can only stand in awe of his stamina and his accomplishments, but we can also be grateful for his contributions to the betterment of the lives of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Daily Herald newspaper article about Dr. Smoot and his recognition by the Department of Energy be printed at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the Daily Herald (Provo, UT), Oct. 9, 2002]

PROFESSOR HEADS TO D.C. TO RECEIVE \$25,000
AWARD

A thin white-haired man with bright blue eyes peering through large, thick lenses, Leon Douglas Smoot strides down the hallway and dashes to the elevator in the BYU engineering building.

Smoot chats with students as they ride the elevator, asking them which floor they want. Most of them simply know him as a chemical engineering professor, but his recognition and talents run the gamut. He's helped save the Brigham Young Academy building,

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